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In re PATENT APPLICATION of: Atty. Docket No.: MESSLEV 1
CUNNINGHAM, Brian D. Group Art Unit: 2445
Application No.: 10/803,120 Confirmation No: 5291
Filed: March 17, 2004 Examiner: JAKOVAC, Ryan J.
Title: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETECTING AND FILTERING UNSOLICITED
AND UNDESIRE ELECTRONIC MESSAGES**

March 28, 2011

INTERVIEW REQUEST AND CLAIM PROPOSAL
FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's request on March 28, 2011, please accept this submission as a formal request for an Interview. Please also accept the attached PROPOSALS for amendments to claim 31 for purposes of conducting a telephonic Interview on March 28, 2011 at 3:00 P.M.:

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CLAIM 31:

PROPOSAL #1:

31. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

generating, from at least a portion of an electronic message for an intended recipient, identification data that uniquely identifies said electronic message and distinguishes said electronic message from other electronic messages authorized by an originator for said intended recipient, said electronic message being subsequent to a first electronic message for said intended recipient;

associating said identification data with said electronic message;

storing said identification data;

sending to an intended recipient said electronic message with said identification data;

receiving on behalf of said intended recipient a confirmation request including said identification data and requesting confirmation that said electronic message was authorized by said originator;

comparing said identification data received in said confirmation request to said stored identification data; and

upon determining that said identification data received in said confirmation request matches said stored identification data, responding to said confirmation request, affirming said electronic message was authorized by said originator.

PROPOSAL #2:

31. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

generating, from at least a portion of ~~[[an]]~~ a first electronic message for an intended recipient, first identification data that uniquely identifies said first electronic message and ~~distinguishes said electronic message from other electronic messages authorized by an~~ originator;

associating said first identification data with said first electronic message;

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storing said first identification data;

sending to [[an]] said intended recipient said first electronic message with said first identification data;

receiving on behalf of said intended recipient a first confirmation request including said first identification data and requesting confirmation that said first electronic message was authorized by said originator;

comparing said first identification data received in said first confirmation request to said first stored identification data; [[and]]

upon determining that said first identification data received in said first confirmation request matches said first stored identification data, responding to said first confirmation request, affirming said first electronic message was authorized by said originator;

generating, from at least a portion of a subsequent electronic message for said intended recipient, subsequent identification data that uniquely identifies said subsequent electronic message and distinguishes said subsequent electronic message from other electronic messages authorized by said originator for said intended recipient:

associating said subsequent identification data with said subsequent electronic message;

storing said subsequent identification data;

sending to said intended recipient said subsequent electronic message with said subsequent identification data;

receiving on behalf of said intended recipient a subsequent confirmation request including said subsequent identification data and requesting confirmation that said subsequent electronic message was authorized by said originator;

comparing said subsequent identification data received in said subsequent confirmation request to said subsequent stored identification data; and

upon determining that said subsequent identification data received in said subsequent confirmation request matches said stored subsequent identification data, responding to said subsequent confirmation request, affirming said subsequent electronic message was authorized by said originator.

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REMARKS

This claim proposal is being provided as a basis for the Interview scheduled for 3:00 P.M. on March 28, 2011. **The proposal is for discussion purposes only.**

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Respectfully submitted,

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